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In re Application of :
Karren Moreland, et al. :
Application No. 10/647,726 :
Filed: August 25, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 282-005 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed August 14, 2006, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for a failure to reply in a timely manner to a non-final Office action mailed September 10, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 25, 2005. On August 14, 2006, the present petition was filed.

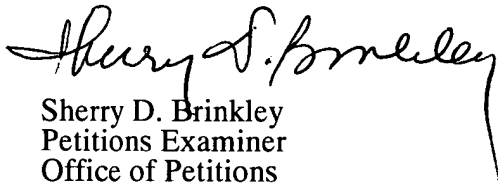
The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$750; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay¹.

The Revocation and Power of Attorney filed August 14, 2006, has not been accepted, as it is not properly signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33(b)(4). However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Louis J. Hoffman appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. However, if Mr. Hoffman desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3679 for consideration of the amendment filed August 14, 2006.

¹ 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While the statement is not made by an attorney of record, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.



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